Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Viola (Vi) Annabelle Baker was born on March 17, 1915, to James and Belinda (Knutson) Baker at Pukwana, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Vi attended elementary school in Buffalo County, graduated from Pukwana High School in 1932, and attended Southern State Normal School in Springfield and Black Hills State College in Spearfish, taught rural schools in Buffalo and Brule counties for 15 years, and later worked at the Chamberlain Clinic, Saint Joseph's Indian School and Leiferman's Cafe; and,

Whereas, Vi married Clifford Shroyer on October 3, 1936, in Mitchell, South Dakota, and to this union three sons were born: Delvin, Deo and Dan, she has 10 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Vi lives at Pukwana, South Dakota, and will observe her 90th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather on March 20, 2005, to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 17, 2005, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all her many friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixteenth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State